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**TO:** - Codex Contact Points  
- Interested International Organizations

**FROM:** Secretary, Codex Alimentarius Commission  
Joint FAO/WHO Food Standards Programme,  
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**SUBJECT** DISTRIBUTION OF THE REPORT OF THE EIGHTH SESSION OF THE CODEX COMMITTEE ON MILK AND MILK PRODUCTS (ALINORM 08/31/11)

The report of the Eighth Session of the Codex Committee on Milk and Milk Products will be considered by the 31<sup>st</sup> Session of the Codex Alimentarius Commission (Geneva, Switzerland, 30 June-4 July 2008).

**PART A: MATTERS FOR ADOPTION BY THE 31<sup>ST</sup> SESSION OF THE CODEX ALIMENTARIUS COMMISSION**

## Draft Standards and Related Texts at Step 8 and Step 5/8

1. **Draft Model Export Certificate for Milk and Milk Products**, at Step 8 (para. 31 and Appendix III)
2. **Proposed draft Amendment to the List of Food Additives of the Codex Standard for Creams and Prepared Creams (CODEX STAN A-9-1976) (N08-2006)**, at Steps 5/8 (para. 82 and Appendix V)

## Proposed draft Standards and Related Texts at Step 5

3. **Proposed draft Amendment to the Codex Standard for Fermented Milks (CODEX STAN 243-2003)**, pertaining to Drinks based on Fermented Milk (para. 48 and Appendix IV)

## Others

4. **Maximum Levels for Annatto Extracts in Codex Standards for Milk and Milk Products** (para. 17 and Appendix II)
5. **Food Additive Listing for the Codex Standard for Fermented Milks (CODEX STAN 243-2003)** (para. 93 and Appendix VI)
6. **Updated List of Methods of Analysis and Sampling in Codex Standards for Milks and Milk Products** (para. 107 and Appendix VII)

Governments and international organizations wishing to submit comment on the above texts should do so in writing, *preferably by e-mail*, to: Secretary, Codex Alimentarius Commission, Joint FAO/WHO Food Standards Programme, FAO, Viale delle Terme di Caracalla, 00153 Rome, Italy (Email: [codex@fao.org](mailto:codex@fao.org), telefax : +39 06 57054593), with a copy to: Codex Committee on Milk and Milk Products, New Zealand Food Safety Authority, 68 - 86 Jervois Quay, P.O. Box 2835, Wellington, New Zealand (Facsimile: +64 4 894 2530 or E-mail: [Audrey.Taulalo@nzfsa.govt.nz](mailto:Audrey.Taulalo@nzfsa.govt.nz) *preferably*) **before 30 April 2008.**

**PART B: REQUEST FOR COMMENTS AND INFORMATION****Maximum Levels for Annatto Extracts in Codex Individual Cheese Standards**

Governments and interested international organizations are invited to provide comments on maximum levels for annatto extracts bixin-based (INS 160b i) and norbixin-based (INS 160b ii) in individual cheese standards (*Standards for Cheddar, Danbo, Edam, Gouda, Havarti, Samsö, Emmental, Tilsiter, Saint-Paulin, Provolone, Coloummier, Cream Cheese, Camembert and Brie*), as well as technological justification thereof, for consideration by the Ninth Session of the Committee (para. 16).

**Methods of Analysis and Sampling for Milk and Milk Products**

Governments and interested international organizations are invited to provide:

- i) Comments and information on methods of analysis and sampling for milk and milk products (para. 104);
- ii) Comments and information on the suitability on AOAC methods for milk and milk products (para. 105 and Appendix VIII).

Governments and interested international organizations wishing to provide information on the above topics should do so in writing, *preferably by e-mail*, to: Codex Committee on Milk and Milk Products, New Zealand Food Safety Authority, 68 - 86 Jervois Quay, P.O. Box 2835, Wellington, New Zealand (Facsimile: +64 4 894 2530 or E-mail: [Audrey.Taulalo@nzfsa.govt.nz](mailto:Audrey.Taulalo@nzfsa.govt.nz)) with a copy to the Secretary, Codex Alimentarius Commission, Viale delle Terme di Caracalla, 00153 Rome, Italy (fax +39 06 57054593; e-mail [codex@fao.org](mailto:codex@fao.org) , *preferably*) **before 31 March 2009**.